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## PATENT APPLICATION

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62086

Akira YAMAGUCHI

Appln. No.: 09/782,199

Group Art Unit: 2871

Confirmation No.: 9852

Examiner: Hoan C. NGUYEN

Filed: February 14, 2001

For: LIGHT DIFFUSING PLATE, LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS AND REAR PROJECTION APPARATUS

### RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to two (2) distinct species, identified as Species A and B. Additionally, the Examiner has indicated that Species A contains two subgroups, identified as Group I and Group II. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes claims 1 and 27 of Species A are generic. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects **Species A** and **Group I**, for examination, in which claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 19-21 and 27-29 are readable. This election is made without traverse.

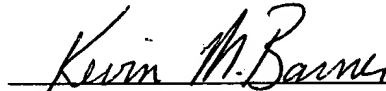
Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 6, 22-26 and 30, as well as previously withdrawn claims 7-18.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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